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GLENDALE REMINDS RESIDENTS TO ELIMINATE STANDING WATER, PREVENT WEST NILE VIRUS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – With the recent heavy rainfall across the Valley, Glendale officials are reminding residents to eliminate any standing water around homes and property, to reduce the number of mosquitoes and the spread of West Nile Virus. Prevention is the best defense, so best way to fight West Nile Virus is to be informed and take these essential preventive measures:

- Reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home. Mosquitoes breed in standing water and their eggs will hatch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week and after it rains, and get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths and check for any leaky water equipment.
- Report any pools in your neighborhoods that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610; unoccupied homes should be reported to the county at 602-506-0700.
- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors. Repellents should be used according to the label instructions.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Division monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. They also respond to all complaints related to green pools, stagnant water, dead birds and of course mosquitoes. Residents can get more information or report issues to the county through a hotline, 602-506-0700, or online at www.maricopa.gov/wnv.

Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/publichealth.cfm#WestNile>.

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